
5th FEBRUARY, 1805.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, on Friday next.

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PROVIDING for the settlement of sundry claims to lands within the Mississippi Territory.

1 **Be it enacted,** by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That the President of the United States be, and hereby is autho-
4 rised to appoint three commissioners, on the part of the United
5 States, to receive propositions of compromise and settlement from
6 the several companies or persons having claims to public lands
7 within the present limits of the Mississippi territory, and the said
8 commissioners or any two of them shall be, and hereby are autho-
9 rised to compound, and finally to adjust and settle the same, in such
10 manner as in their opinion will conduce to the interest of the Unit-
11 ed States. *Provided however,* that in such settlement, due regard be

12 had to the articles of agreement and cession entered into, on the
13 twenty fourth day of April, in the year eighteen hundred and
14 two, between the United States and the state of Georgia, and to
15 the provisions of the act of Congress, approved on the third day of
16 March, eighteen hundred and three, intituled "An act regulating
17 the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the
18 United States, south of the state of Tennessee"—*And provided*, that
19 nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to recognise or af-
20 fect the said claims or any of them, in case no such settlement be
21 made.